

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 23, 24, and 25 are hereby canceled. Claims 7, 15, and 20 were and remain canceled. After entry of this response, the pending claims are claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-19, 21, 22, and 26. Of these twenty pending claims, only claims 1 and 19 are independent claims.

Objection to the Drawings

Claims 23, 24, and 25 are hereby canceled. Applicant understands that the “objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance”, but applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 23-25 obviates the objection to the drawings.

Claim Rejections

Instead of responding to the various claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) that appear on pages 3-11 of the Office’s final action, applicant is separately filing today (that is, Monday, March 28, 2011) a continuation application that claims priority to this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that the drawing objection has been obviated and no longer applies, and applicant notes that any remaining patentability concerns will be addressed in the continuation application that is being filed separately today (i.e., Monday, March 28, 2011) with priority to this application.

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